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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 10/726,397
Applicant : Poulin et al.
Filed : December 2, 2003
Art Unit : 2834
Examiner : Le, Dang D.
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Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Office Action of August 27, 2004. A petition for a one-month extension of time and fee are currently due and submitted herewith. If, however, the fee is insufficient or a petition for an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition for an extension of time therefore, and authorization for the Commissioner to charge any additional required fees, including extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 12-2147.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a timely notification of allowance is courteously requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner is inclined to further reject any of the claims, Applicants requests that counsel be contacted to resolve any remaining issues. Reconsideration is requested and favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Vasiliki Zambakis

PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD

Effective October 1, 2003

Application or Docket Number

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)
TOTAL CLAIMS	32	
FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS	32 minus 20 =	* 12
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	4 minus 3 =	* 1
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT <input type="checkbox"/>		

* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT A	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	* 32	Minus ** 32	=
Independent	* 5	Minus *** 4	= 1
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT B	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	*	Minus **	=
Independent	*	Minus ***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

	(Column 1)	(Column 2)	(Column 3)
AMENDMENT C	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
Total	*	Minus **	=
Independent	*	Minus ***	=
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM <input type="checkbox"/>			

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."

*** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, enter "3."

The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found in the appropriate box in column 1.

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	385.00
X\$ 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL	

RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE	770.00
X\$18=	216
X86=	86
+290=	
TOTAL	1072

SMALL ENTITY

OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X86=	2000
+290=	
TOTAL	2000

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$18=	
X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL	

RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
X\$ 9=	
X43=	
+145=	
TOTAL	

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X\$18=	
X86=	
+290=	
TOTAL	